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## **Costco Shooting Update**

**CORONA, CA**— On June 14, 2019, at 7:46 P.M. Corona Police Officers were sent to Costco Wholesale located at 480 N. McKinley Street, Corona regarding a shooting inside the business.

The investigation has revealed this was an isolated occurrence within the store and was not an uncontained active shooter incident as the preliminary information had been communicated to initial officers. As the investigation is still on-going, the names of involved persons are not being released at this time.

Investigation has confirmed an off-duty Los Angeles Police Department Officer was shopping at Costco with his family. Without provocation, a male unknown to the officer's family assaulted the officer while the officer was holding his young child. This attack resulted in the officer firing his weapon, striking the male and two of the male's family members. The family members are being treated at local hospitals and are in critical condition. The off duty officer was transported to a local hospital, where he was treated and released. The off duty officer's child was not injured during this incident. The Riverside County Coroners Office has identified the deceased male as 32 year-old Kenneth French from Riverside.

The officer's gun was the only weapon involved in the incident, contrary to earlier reports. As is standard procedure in such investigations, the Corona Police Department is working closely with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office who will be evaluating the facts and circumstances of this incident.

If you witnessed this incident and have not provided your statement to the police, please contact Lieutenant Newman at 951-817-5788 or email Robert.Newman@CoronaCA.gov.

**About the City of Corona:** Corona is located adjacent to Orange County California at the junction of the 91 and 15 freeways with a population of more than 160,000 residents. For more information regarding the City of Corona visit <a href="https://www.CoronaCA.gov">www.CoronaCA.gov</a>.

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